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This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. After 12 March 1955, the Kraftfahrer Kaserne (5443) in Rathenow was occupied by about 250 soldiers. During the night of 11 March, the bulk of the units, with rocket launchers and trucks, left the installation by road and rail for the Genthin area.
2. After 12 March, the bulk of the units stationed in the Pionier Kaserne (5442) in Rathenow had left by road and rail with 40 to 50 guns. Between 12 and 18 March, the installation quartered 300 to 400 soldiers and 10 to 12 x 122-mm field howitzers.
3. After 12 March, the Infanterie Kaserne (5441) in Rathenow was occupied by about 200 soldiers. The bulk of the units had left the installation for exercises during the night of 11 March.
4. After 12 March, the Ziethen Kaserne (5444) was occupied by only a rear detail of approximately 100 soldiers. The headquarters and the signal battalion had departed during ^{the} night of 11 March.

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8. On 6 March, truck [] towing a gun of a type not yet observed at the Rathenow post came from the direction of the three Wald Kasernen in Rathenow. The gun was described as follows:
box-trail gun carriage, one axle with pneumatic tires, smooth protective shield vertical to the barrel, cradle, without pneumatic recuperator, length of the barrel without muzzle brake from the protective shield about 2 meters, diameter of the barrel at the muzzle about 20 cm. 2 25X1
9. At 1400 on 18 March, 60 trucks towing field howitzers, 33 x 160-mm mortars, 2 x 120-mm mortars, 74 trucks with soldiers, 2 trucks with equipment, 5 radio trucks and 1 ambulance left the Pionier Kaserne (5442) in Rathenow. After the departure of the unit, the installation was occupied by only a rear detail and several officer families.
10. At 1500 on 18 March, 35 x 170-mm to 200-mm rocket launchers, 2 M-13 rocket launchers, 40 trucks with ammunition, 32 trucks with soldiers, 5 radio trucks, 3 tank trucks, and 1 ambulance left the Kraftfahrer Kaserne toward the town. On 21 March, the installation was only partially occupied.
11. On 18 March, approximately 100 vehicles were ready to depart from the yard of the Infanterie Kaserne. On 21 March, approximately 50 percent of the windows of the installation were lighted.
12. The following shipments from the direction of Belzig passed through the Brandenburg-Altstadt railroad station and proceeded toward Rathenow: 25X1
- 21 March. At 1930, a shipment of 10 rocket launchers of a new type, 35 trucks and 10 boxcars with soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets.
At 2215, a shipment of 16 x 160-mm mortars, 4 x 120-mm mortars and 50 to 60 trucks.
- 22 March. At 1130, a shipment of 8 rocket launchers of a new type, 4 M-13 rocket launchers, 15 to 20 trucks and 8 to 10 boxcars. 1
1. [] Comment. On 12 March, the bulk of the three brigades of the 6th Army Div stationed in Rathenow had apparently left by road and rail for firing practices at Altengrabow, from where they returned in 9 shipments between 21 and 23 March, [] 25X1
2. [] Comment. The new gun may have been an M-38 152-mm field howitzer. It is possible that a gun of the 10th Army Brig from Altengrabow was temporarily stationed in Rathenow. 25X1

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